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for powder, thei'll fill a pit as well as better: tush man, mortall men, mortall men.

West. I, but, sir Iohn, me thinkes they are exceeding poore and bare: too beggarly.

Fal. Faith, for their pouertie, I know not where they had that: and for their barenesse, I am sure they neuer learn't that of me.

Pri. No, ile be sworne, vnlesse you call three fingers on the ribs bare: but sirra, make haste, Percy is already in the field. *Exit.*

Fal. What, is the king incamp't?

West. He is, sir Iohn, I feare we shall stay too long.

Fal. Well, to the latter end of a fray, and the beginning of a feast, fits a dull fighter, and a keene guest. *Exeunt.*

Enter Hotspur, Worcester, Douglas, and Vernon.

Hot. Wee'll fight with him to night.

Wor. It may not be.

Dougl. You giue him then aduantage.

Ver. Not a whit.

Hot. Why, say you so? lookes he not for supply?

Ver. So do we.

Hot. His is certaine, ours is doubtfull.

Wor. Good coosen be aduisde, stir not to night.

Ver. Do not, my Lord.

Doug. You doe not counsell well:

You speake it out of feare, and cold heart.

Ver. Do me no slander, Douglas, by my life,

And I dare well mainraine it with my life;

If well respected honor bid me on,

I hold as little counsell with weake feare,

As you, my Lord, or any Scot that this day liues:

Let be seene to morrow in the battell, which of vs feares.

Yea, or to night.

Ver. Content.

Hot. To night, say I.

Ver. Come, come, it may not be.

I wonder much, being men of such great leading as you are,

That you foresee not what impediments

Drag backe our expedition: certaine horse

Of my coosen Vernons are not yet come vp.

Henry the fourth.

Your Vnckle Worcesters horses came but to day,
And now their pride and mettall is asleepe,
Their courage with hard labour tame and dull,
That not a horse is halfe the halfe of himselfe.

Hot. So are the horses of the enemy,
In generall iourney bated and brought low:
The better part of ours are full of rest.

Wor. The number of the king exceedeth ours:
For Gods sake, coosen, stay till all come in.

The trumpet sounds a parley. Enter sir Walter Blunt.

Blunt. I come with gracious offers from the king,
If you vouchsafe me hearing, and respect.

Hot. Welcome, sir Walter Blunt: and would to God
You were of our determination;

Some of vs loue you well, and euen those some
Enuie your great deseruings and good name,
Because you are not of our qualitie,
But stand against vs like an enemy.

Blunt. And God defend, but still I should stand so,
So long as out of limit and true rule
You stand against anoynted Maiestie.

But to my charge. The king hath sent to know
The nature of your grieues, and whereupon
You coniure from the breast of ciuill peace,
Such bold hostilitie, teaching his dutious land
Audacious crueltie. If that the king
Haue any way your good deserts forgot,
Which he confessest to be manifold,
He bids you name your grieues, and with all speed,
You shall haue your desires with interest
And pardon absolute for your selfe, and these
Herein mislead by your suggestion.

Hot. The king is kind: and well we know, the king
Knowes at what time to promise, when to pay:
My father, my vnckle, and my selfe,
Did giue him that same royaltie he weares,
And when he was not fixe and twentie strong,
Sicke in the worldes regard, wretched and low,